

(d) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action proposed to be taken against trespass ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government are aware of the encroachment in the Tilpat Firing Range by M/s Leisure Valley Farms and Global Development & Finance Corporation (India) Ltd. and the matter has been taken up with the Civil/Revenue Authorities appropriately.

(d) and (e) No formal inquiry has been conducted in the matter. However, the following actions have been taken :-

- (i) An FIR was lodged with the Police Authorities;
- (ii) Demarcations made by the Revenue Authorities were shown in the encroachers.
- (iii) Public Notice was published in the local newspaper alerting the local people.
- (iv) A Caveat is under submission to the Faridabad Court so that petition of the encroachers for stay of their eviction is prevented.
- (v) The authorities concerned have been requested to take action against the encroachers and also not to register any sale deed in respect of the defence land in Tilpat Firing Range.

#### **Runway of Patna Airport**

3061. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the runway length of Patna Airport is bare minimum for landing of A-320 aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether short runway results in lower utilisation of seats in aircraft;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to improve it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) and (b) A-320 aircraft can land at Patna Airport.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Take-off weight is constrained due to inadequate take-off runway length available. The useable length is only 6409 ft. due to obstructions and the non-availability of basic strips. The matter was taken up with the State Govt. for reduction of the height of obstruction (Clock Tower) but there appears to be no possibility of the same. This has resulted in a shorter length of the runway being available for departing aircraft.

[Translation] \*

#### **Indian Council of Social Science Research**

3062. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research spends most of his time in Bangalore which has affected the working of the said Council;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) the date on which the present Chairman had resumed charge of the post and the number of visits he paid from Delhi to Bangalore and the amount spent on this purpose; and
- (d) the total amount spent on his stay and other expenses at Bangalore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (d) The Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research assumed office on September 6, 1996. As this is an honorary position, the Chairman is stationed at Bangalore. This arrangement has not adversely affected the working of the Council. In accordance with the Memorandum of Association of the Council the Chairman has to come to Delhi to preside over the meetings of the Council and its Committees. A total of Rs. 2,05,765/- was spent on his travels to Delhi. The Council has informed that while it does not meet expenditure on his stay and other expenses at Bangalore, a sum of Rs. 23,657/- has been incurred by the Council to meet certain miscellaneous expenditure.

[English]

#### **Institute of Environmental Planning and Technology**

3063. SHRI MRUFYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Institute of Environmental Planning and Technology (IEPT), Indore is recognised by the Government;

(b) if so, whether inspite of heavy fees charged from the students the institute lacks basic facilities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether IEPT management has not recruited proper full-time faculty, if so, the reasons thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide basic facilities like drinking water, library, hostel etc. to the students ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (e) The Institute of Environmental Planning and Technology (IEPT), Indore, Madhya Pradesh has not been approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for conduct of any Diploma or Post-Graduate Diploma in Management.

#### Air Strip for Sikkim

3064. SHRI BHIM PRASAD DAHAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Civil Aviation Ministry has decided to sanction construction of an air strip for Sikkim; and

(b) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Due to hilly terrain, a suitable site for constructing an airport at a reasonable cost has not been identified so far.

#### Impact of Reforms on Education

3065. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any comprehensive study has been undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by the Government regarding the impact of new economic policy in the education system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Government propose to achieve the objectives laid down in the Education Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In order to achieve the objectives laid down the National Policy on Education (NPE) a comprehensive Programme of Action (POA) was prepared which spells out detailed guidelines for the effective implementation of the NPE. The revised NPE and POA were tabled in the House in May, 1992 and August, 1992 respectively. Emphasis is now on toning up its proper implementation.

#### Gas based Industries

3066. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some gas based industries in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of proposals received from various State Governments in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to clear those proposals, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government of India.

(c) and (d) The State Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Mizoram, Tripura, Assam, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have requested for gas allocation for setting up power plants and other industries. The States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala have requested for establishing a Southern Gas Grid. However, the present and projected availability of gas is less than the commitments already made.

[Translation]

#### Sardar Sarovar Project

3067. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :  
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme to provide Rs. 100 crore to complete Sardar Sarovar Project is under consideration of the Government;